Anti-National Activities along Indo-Nepal Border

5528. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, of late there has been increased activity of anti-national elements on the Indo-Nepal Border stretching along the State of Bihar;

(b) whether the Central Government are aware that certain selective groups in North Bihar are being given special training and ideologically motivated by ISI elements for subversive activities;

(c) if the answer to (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what preventive action is being taken by the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) whether Government of Bihar has fully cooperated in action against these elements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) It is a fact that anti-national elements have been using the porous Indo-Nepal border for subversive activities. Recent reports indicate that Pakistani commercial organisations, backed by the ISI, are trying to secure a foothold in Eastern Nepal, close to the Indo-Nepal broder stretching along Bihar.

(c) and (d) Measures have been taken to enhance bilateral cooperation with Nepal in security matters. As a result, many terrorist conspiracies, sponsored by Pakistan, have been neutralised in recent years. Additional intelligence posts have been sanctioned for this border recently. Government of India is in regular touch with the State Governments bordering Nepal, including Bihar, for strengthening of policing/patrolling and for checking activities of ISI and other anti-national elements along the Indo-Nepal border.

Talks with Nagas

5529. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to end the insurgency in Nagaland, the outlawed NSCN (Khaplang) recently announced cease-fire with the Centre for the first time, just over a decade;

(b) whether it is also a fact that other underground groups of Nagas had also desired to hold talks and the Nagaland Government have been insisting the Centre to extend the cease-fire to all underground groups and include all factions in the talks; and

(c) if so, what is Government's response thereon and the steps taken to resolve long pending Nagaland issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The NSCN(K) has, on 8.4.2000, offered to have formal ceasefire with Government of India.

(b) and (c) Talks are already on with the NSCN(I/M). The State Government of Nagaland have suggested that a Cease Fire agreement should be signed with the NSCN(K). Further, the State Government has also appealed to the NNC/NFG group to follow suit and renew the Cease Fire, which they had initially entered into in 1964.

Central Government is committed to restoration of peace and for negotiations to restore peace with all militant groups who come forward, by abjuring all violence, for a negotiated settlement within the four corners of the Indian Constitution.

Movement of traffic on Delhi Gurgaon Road

5530. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of unauthorised automobile repairing centres/shops have come up at both sides of old Delhi Gurgaon Road between village Samalakha and Kapashera Delhi border resulting in traffic jams in the morning and evening hours;

(b) whether the above facts have been brought to the notice of the traffic police authorities; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken so that traffic on the road can move smoothly between 7a.m. to 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The repairing workshops which have come up along this stretch of road do not interfere with the movement of traffic as these are located at a distance from the main road.